



February 12, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) -North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan: FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of North Carolina State Ports Authority, I am writing in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) BUILD funding application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) Truck Parking Action Plan. The Plan will assess truck parking supply and demand and leverage this information and stakeholder insight to identify and develop implementation projects, including new public truck parking capacity and technology projects to support safe and efficient goods movement to, from, and within North Carolina.

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The North Carolina State Ports Authority owns and operates two ocean ports in Wilmington and Morehead City, and an inland port in Charlotte. Truck parking is crucial for ports as it ensures the safe and efficient movement of goods. By addressing truck parking shortages, ports can improve safety, operational efficiency, and compliance with regulations, contributing to the overall success and sustainability of the transportation industry.

North Carolina State Ports Authority hopes the USDOT will make a grant award to NCDOT in support of this important application. Federal funds will make it possible for North Carolina to prepare for and advance projects to address current and future truck parking needs, helping to improve safety for all roadway users, reduce goods movement costs, increase business productivity, and mitigate community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization (WSATPO), I am writing in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) BUILD funding application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) Truck Parking Action Plan.

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As part of a series of recommendations to ensure the efficient movement of goods and freight throughout the Winston-Salem Area, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Winston-Salem Area TPO identifies support for the development of a regional truck parking strategy as a key action item. NCDOT's SAFE Truck Parking Action Plan will help identify needs, action steps, and potential projects our state and region can take on to support freight mobility and economic development.

The Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization (WSATPO) hopes the USDOT will make a grant award to NCDOT in support of this important application. Federal funds will make it possible for North Carolina to prepare for and advance projects to address current and future truck parking needs, helping to improve safety for all roadway users, reduce goods movement costs, increase business productivity, and mitigate community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

Sincerely,

Bill Apple
Chairman, Transportation Advisory Committee
Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization

Hunter Staszak
TPO Administrator
Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization

The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization serves as the intergovernmental organization for local elected officials, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and residents of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender Counties to work cooperatively to address transportation issues.

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Thank you for considering NCDOT's application. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information or support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Boswell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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**GASTON-CLEVELAND-LINCOLN
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Transportation Planning

February 16, 2026

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**SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) -North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan: FY 2026
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Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO), I am writing in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) BUILD funding application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) -Truck Parking Action Plan. The Plan will assess truck parking supply and demand and leverage this information and stakeholder insight to identify and develop implementation projects, including new public truck parking capacity and technology projects to support safe and efficient goods movement to, from, and within North Carolina.

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The Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO region is strategically located along major freight corridors, including I-85 and key regional connectors that support manufacturing, logistics, and distribution activity. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties, GCLMPO is responsible for long-range transportation planning that ensures the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Adequate truck parking is essential to maintaining freight reliability and protecting the safety of all roadway users. When parking options are limited, trucks may park along shoulders, ramps, or in other unintended locations, creating safety risks and community concerns.

Strategic investments and technology solutions to expand and better manage truck parking capacity will improve safety, reduce congestion, and support the continued economic competitiveness of our region and the state.

GCLMPO hopes the USDOT will make a grant award to NCDOT in support of this important application. Federal funds will make it possible for North Carolina to prepare for and advance projects to address current and future truck parking needs, helping to improve safety for all roadway users, reduce goods movement costs, increase business productivity, and mitigate community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

Sincerely,

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Tori S. Dellinger
GCLMPO Administrator



February 18, 2026

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Re: City of Greensboro - SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) -North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan: FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, I write in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s BUILD application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) Truck Parking Action Plan. SAFE will evaluate truck parking supply and demand statewide and develop implementation-ready projects, including expanded public parking capacity and technology solutions to improve safety and freight efficiency.

Hours-of-Service regulations, electronic logging requirements, population growth, e-commerce expansion, and industrial development have sharply increased demand for truck parking in North Carolina. In 2022, 94% of truck parking spaces were full most nights, contributing to 9,200 instances of unauthorized overnight parking. Demand is expected to continue rising, with statewide truck tonnage projected to grow by more than 50% by 2050.

SAFE will identify current and future parking hotspots along interstate corridors, develop strategies to reduce safety risks, congestion, and community impacts, and advance projects with defined costs and environmental screening to position them for funding. The Plan will also explore public-private partnerships to expand truck parking capacity in support of North Carolina businesses.

From the MPO’s perspective, truck parking is directly tied to freight safety, reliability, and economic performance along our Strategic Freight Network. Our 2050 MTP Freight Chapter identifies Greensboro as a high-need area for additional truck parking and supports expanding facilities near key corridors such as U.S. 421 and I-85, prioritizing expansion of existing sites, and piloting real-time parking information systems, with a goal of eliminating shortages by 2035. The SAFE Truck Parking Action Plan aligns with these adopted priorities and will help advance safety, reduce delay, and strengthen goods movement in our region.

The MPO supports the application and encourages USDOT to award BUILD funding to NCDOT. Federal support will enable North Carolina to advance projects that address current and future truck parking needs, improving safety for all roadway users, reducing freight costs, strengthening business productivity, and minimizing the community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization, in an administrative capacity as the RPO Coordinator, I am writing in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) BUILD funding application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) -Truck Parking Action Plan. The Plan will assess truck parking supply and demand and leverage this information and stakeholder insight to identify and develop implementation projects, including new public truck parking capacity and technology projects to support safe and efficient goods movement to, from, and within North Carolina.

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Sincerely,

Alyssa Garcia, MPA, CZO
RPO Coordinator
Mid-Carolina Regional Council



February 19, 2026

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RE: SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) – North Carolina Truck Parking Action Plan: FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

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On behalf of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, I am writing in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) BUILD funding application for the SAFE (Secure, Accessible, Functional, and Efficient) – Truck Parking Action Plan. The Plan will assess truck parking supply and demand and leverage this information and stakeholder insight to identify and develop implementation projects, including new public truck parking capacity and technology projects to support safe and efficient goods movement to, from, and within North Carolina.

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As a major manufacturing state, North Carolina depends on the efficient movement of goods across our seven instate highways. These federal funds will make it possible for North Carolina to prepare for and advance projects to address current and future truck parking needs, helping to improve safety for all roadway users, reduce goods movement costs, increase business productivity, and mitigate community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

Sincerely,



Lee Lilley

CC: Sec. Daniel Johnson, NC Department of Transportation
Jim McCleskey, NC Washington Office

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As the Upper Coastal Plain RPO, we support safe and efficient freight movement throughout our region. Limited truck parking contributes to safety concerns, unauthorized parking, and operational challenges that impact our communities and local industries. Expanding truck parking capacity and incorporating technology solutions would improve

roadway safety, strengthen supply chain reliability, and support continued economic growth in Eastern North Carolina.

Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization hopes the USDOT will make a grant award to NCDOT in support of this important application. Federal funds will make it possible for North Carolina to prepare for and advance projects to address current and future truck parking needs, helping to improve safety for all roadway users, reduce goods movement costs, increase business productivity, and mitigate community and environmental impacts of unauthorized parking.

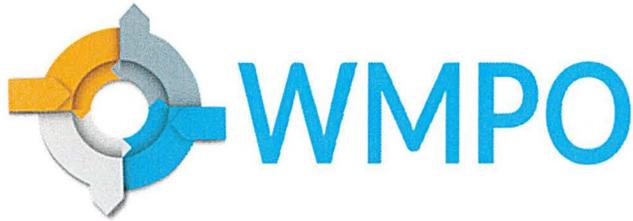
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Dear Secretary Duffy,

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The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's planning area boundary includes several major employers, large economic generators, and the North Carolina State Port

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

City of Wilmington • Town of Carolina Beach • Town of Kure Beach • Town of Wrightsville Beach
County of New Hanover • Town of Belville • Town of Leland • Town of Navassa • County of Brunswick
County of Pender • Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority • North Carolina Department of Transportation

Authority's Port of Wilmington. The Wilmington Urban Area is served by regional and national highway networks as well as intermodal rail service. The major employers and large economic generators in our region are critical to the local, state, and national economy.

Freight mobility and truck parking are important to the overall mobility, safety, and success of our region. The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization recently completed and adopted our Wilmington Regional ITS Strategic Deployment Plan. This plan provides a strategic framework for deploying and integrating technology-based solutions across the region. The plan's recommendations include Freight Mobility and Truck Parking and the creation of a Regional Parking Management Plan. A Truck Parking Action Plan completed by NCDOT fits well within the recommendations of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me directly at mike.kozlosky@wilmingtonnc.gov or (910) 342-2781.

Sincerely,



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